

ORIGIN OF WORDS

Entertainment and Knowledge in the Search.

In the End, It Will Be Found That Explanations Are in the Nature of a Guess.

Most people take their words (and their phrases, too) ready made; that is, they learn a small vocabulary from hearing other people talk, and afterward, finding the same words in books and dictionaries, they are emboldened to use them in their speech and writing. If they ever wonder where these words came from originally it is in a vague, listless way, rather like the way they look upon mysterious astronomy.

If one pins a comparatively small class down to their actual knowledge of the English language one can learn something more definite, but still nebulous. This small educated class really has heard of the Angles and Danes who impinged their language on the Picts and thus started the Anglo-Saxon boom. It will tell you also how Julius Caesar brought his cohorts into Britain and almost succeeded in making it a Latin-speaking island.

Coming down to the year 1000, the same cultivated persons explain by means of the Conquest the large number of French words that have been more or less Anglicized that we use every day. And when we ask why there are so many German words in our tongue it is only necessary to recall the fact of a common Teutonic origin of the sailors and beachcombers who lived either in the fens or along the shores of Europe and England. They spoke what may be called a common language.

After Shakespeare, Milton, Dryden, Ben Jonson, Sam Johnson and other notable writers had introduced more Latin, Italian and French words into the language and invented a few of their own English may be said to have been finished. Really every language, including English, is extraordinarily conservative and resents new words. All the same new words do get into them. These words are sometimes required to describe new things in the arts, sciences, etc.

When Morse invented his code a handy word had to be made and so arose telegraph and a variety of derivatives. The airplane has given us in turn several new words. Slang gives us a novel word now and then.

For instance, the word "boycott" had no trouble at all in finding its way into our tongue and into most European languages. It arose from the treatment of Capt. Boycott of Lough Mask House in the County Mayo in 1880. "Boston," a new word for a new card game, got into the language earlier. It comes from the siege of our city of Boston in 1775-76 and the moves of the game follow all the strategic moves in this military history.

Pomp, meaning a solemn procession, comes from the Latin word pompe, which was in turn derived from the Latin verb pempin, which means to send. Meddle, to mix, is a distortion of the word middle, but it has as good a place in the language now as its forbear.

Who knows where the word haberdashery comes from? Ask any man who sells neckties, collars and other little things to adorn (perhaps) the person of man and he hasn't the least idea. Look up the word in the standard dictionaries; the search will not be rewarded.

Quite otherwise is the origin of the word humble pie. It comes from the eating by servants long years ago of pie made from the umbles, or entrails, of the deer.

There is considerable entertainment and not a little knowledge to be gained by looking up the origin of words. Why not add it to the list of popular indoor sports?—New York Herald.

Long In Public Life.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon's announced intention to retire from service in congress at the expiration of his present term, completing forty-six years in the house, has called attention to the length of service of other house members.

Burton of Cleveland and Longworth of Cincinnati are the veterans of the Ohio delegation, each now serving his ninth term. The Clevelanders, however, in addition, has served one term of six years in the senate.

Fess, of Yellow Springs, is serving his fifth term; Cooper of Youngstown, and Kearns of Bavaria, their fourth; and Cole of Findlay, Foster of Athens, Moore of Cambridge, Murphy of Steubenville, Stephens, of Cincinnati, and Thompson of Defiance, their second. The others are all first-terms.

Tone Producer for Violin.

It is said that a modern violin, of any ordinary make, can be converted into the equivalent of a Stradivarius, or other violin of Italy's golden days of string-instrument making, by the attachment to it of a newly invented tone producer. The device, according to an illustrated article in the March Popular Mechanics Magazine, is applicable to any kind of string instrument, is made of specially prepared wood, and is so constructed that it conforms to the shape of the instrument to which it is attached.

Edmonton Has a Gusher.

A new gas well north of Edmonton, Alberta, is gushing at a rate of 40,000,000 cubic feet a day and the roar of the gas can be heard at a distance of fifteen miles. Men working in the vicinity have to wear masks.

One Consolation.

All theories of life beyond the grave are in one respect cheery. There is no belief in the existence of a cost of living problem in the hereafter.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Five Minute Chats on Our Presidents

By JAMES MORGAN

THE STRENUOUS LIFE

- 1858—Oct. 27, Theodore Roosevelt born in New York city.
- 1880—Graduated from Harvard.
- 1882-4—Member of New York legislature.
- 1884-6—A ranchman at Medora, N. D.
- 1889-95—Member of national civil service commission.
- 1895-7—Member of New York police commission.
- 1897-8—Assistant Secretary of the navy.
- 1898—Colonel of the Rough Riders in Cuba.
- 1899-1900—Governor of New York.
- 1900—Elected Vice President.
- 1901—Sept. 14 took the oath in Buffalo as the twenty-fifth president, aged forty-two.
- 1904—November, elected president.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT was the most popular of all our presidents. With the exception of Lincoln, his was the raciest, the most interesting character that we have had in the presidency.

Yet he was born apart from the multitude whom he led and he might have lived and died a stranger to the masses of his countrymen but for one thing: He had not the health to enjoy the life of ease which opened to him at his birth. Roosevelt had to fight for his very breath in his gasping, asthmatic childhood.

Finally he took a post-graduate course in physical culture in the wild West, where the "four-eyed tenderfoot" had to fight the battle of his youth all



Roosevelt as a Young Man.

over again, in a strange world, with entirely different standards for measuring men.

Roosevelt cut his eye teeth in political leadership in the corrupt machine-run legislature of New York. He could not have chosen a more thorough school for instruction in the hidden, muddy springs of parties and politics. His experience at Albany put realism into his idealism and made the academic reformer over into the most intensely practical politician we have had in the presidency.

He decided at the outset to act in each office as if it was to be the last that he ever would get, and for nearly 15 years after he left the legislature, Roosevelt could not have been elected to anything in the boss-ridden state of New York. For a long time he was "shelved" on the civil service commission at Washington, until a reform mayor of New York appointed him on the four-headed police commission; but it was soon single-headed so far as the public could see, and that head was full of teeth for police grafters and lawbreakers. At thirty-eight the most he could ask of the Republican politicians, with any hope of getting it, was the assistant secretaryship of the navy. The entire administration sighed with relief when at last he went off to lead his Rough Riders.

In five months he was back from Cuba in the far more troublesome role of a popular hero. The New York machine was in such sore need of a good name to pull it through the pending election that it met him at the wharf and humbly laid at his feet the Republican nomination for governor. But in the governorship, he realized the worst fears of Boss Platt that he harbored, as the boss naively wrote him, "various altruistic ideas," and that he was "a little loose on the relations of capital and labor, on trusts and combinations and . . . the right of a man to run his own business in his own way."

The only thing to do with this wild engine was to turn the switch and shunt it on to the side track of the vice presidency. Roosevelt loudly protested that he wanted to be re-elected governor. And while Platt was trying to push him on to the national ticket, McKinley and Hanna just as earnestly tried to push him back on to Platt. The Republican national convention rose up and roared his nomination, flinging him, in spite of himself, upon the tide that led to fortune.

One of World's Great Rivers.

The mouth of the Yenisei is only open for a few weeks in the year. One of the largest rivers in the world, the Yenisei, which flows into the Arctic sea at Yeniseisk, is in its lower reaches four or five miles wide.

BRECKENRIDGE

The marriage of Miss Elsie McKenzie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McKenzie, and Clair Smith, son of J. L. Smith, both of Emerson township, was quietly solemnized on Wednesday afternoon at the Baptist parsonage at Haca by Rev. F. C. Fidler, in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Martin of Breckenridge who accompanied them.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex McLeod and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Myers went to St. Louis, Sunday afternoon, to attend the funeral of Mr. Fred Corey. Mrs. Catherine Peterman and Miss Susan Zuber of Saginaw motored here Sunday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Zuber.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Thomas of Edmore and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Medler of Alma spent the day Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Anna Sabin. Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Wertz motored to Bay City, Sunday, to spend the day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Royal.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Curtis of Brant visited his brother and wife, Dr. and Mrs. D. A. Curtis of this place Sunday.

Mrs. C. K. Zuker and baby boy spent the week end with her mother at Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hodge motored to Flint, Friday, to visit their children, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hodge and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Jakeway, a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Richardson and two children and Misses Lila and Nella Pearce of Grand Rapids motored here Sunday to spend the day with their mother, Mrs. E. A. Pearce. Miss Lydia Bodfish, a nurse in a Detroit hospital, spent Mother's day with her mother, Mrs. Emma Bodfish, of this place.

Chester Davis of Detroit came Saturday evening to spend Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Davis. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eldred of Harbor Springs, motored here Friday to spend a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Eldred and Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hohe and other relatives.

Mrs. Grant Kime, Mrs. R. L. Baldwin, Mrs. O. G. Colthrop, Mrs. Will Keen, Mrs. L. A. Howe, Miss Bertha Sexton, Mrs. W. E. Diagonal of Breckenridge, and Mrs. Earl Guthrie of Haca motored to Edmore, Thursday to spend the day with Mrs. Clyde Thomas.

Lloyd Sexton and wife of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Joslyn of Elm Hall spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sexton, of this place.

Miss Emma Howland of Alma spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Eliza Howland.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hicks of Alma called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Shafer, Sunday evening.

Mrs. H. W. Stillman was called to Illinois, Thursday, by the death of her uncle.

Miss Ada McLeod of Grand Rapids spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex McLeod.

The funeral of Mrs. Wm. Gary was held Saturday afternoon at two o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Oren Bailey, Rev. H. W. Stillman officiating. Interment was made in the Breckenridge cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson and son, Charles, and daughter, Emma, motored to Flint Saturday to visit their son, Fay Anderson, and get acquainted with their new granddaughter, Virginia Irene.

EMERSON

Lett Bracon is still on crutches after spraining his ankle at school three weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Anderson are the happy parents of a baby boy. Sunday school at 10:30 slow time.

A number from here wrote the 7th add 8th grade examination, Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Reed was called to Stanton Saturday by the illness of her mother.

Clarence Hetzman, wife and baby of Lansing spent over the week end at their parents, M. Presley and wife. Mrs. Kiefer entertained the Mission Circle Friday p. m.

Harvey Basore entertained company from Lakeview and Pompeii Sunday.

Glen Peters of Merrill and Carl of near Breckenridge spent Sunday at the home of their parents, J. F. Peters.

There will be an ice cream social at the home of Lloyd Mann Friday night, May 26.

Otto Bartlette is running a garage and repair shop at Beebe.

NORTHWEST SEVILLE

Alma Decker raised his barn last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Goodenough and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dickinson and two children of Mt. Pleasant called on the latter parents, B. Dickinson's, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Loomis were in Riverdale Saturday evening.

Artie Ingram and Otto Loomis were in Riverdale Saturday evening.

Mrs. G. Myers who has been in Detroit for some time returned home last week. Her two daughters who reside there came with her.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Nonemacher and children, also Mrs. W. Myers and Beatrice Nash were in Riverdale, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Freed visited in Elwell, Sunday.

Donald Tynan is working in Lansing.

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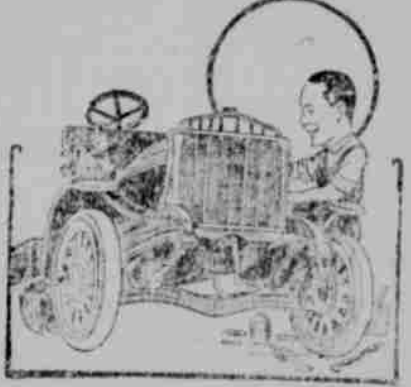
LOOSELY adjusted clothes have taken a firm hold on popular favor and, in undertaking to give the public what it wants, designers have borrowed styles from widely distant lands. They must contrive to furnish garments that embody ease, flowing lines, in a sufficient variety of style to keep them interesting for one thing, and to adapt them to individual figures for another.

One does not have to look twice to see that China furnished inspiration for the smart coat that distinguishes the suit pictured here, which follows frankly the lines of the Chinese overgarment. It will interest many women, because many women can wear the box coat well—it has been varied in the spring styles to suit different types. It is a feature for summer and is found among the sleeveless coats that accompany the tailored frock and make it serve as a suit.

As in nearly all suits the skirt is straight and plain in this model. As pictured it is shorter than the length approved by fashionables; the younger American women do not take kindly to longer skirts, and this suit offers them a compromise. The coat is cut in true kimono style with short sleeves in one with the body, lengthened by four flaring sleeves, set on. They are finished with a narrow band of embroidery corresponding with a wide band that makes a rich adornment for the bottom of the coat. The most interesting style point in the model is its clever scarf-collar, with long ends passing under embroidered revers and finished with handsome tassels that bear out its Chinese character.

Julius Bottomley
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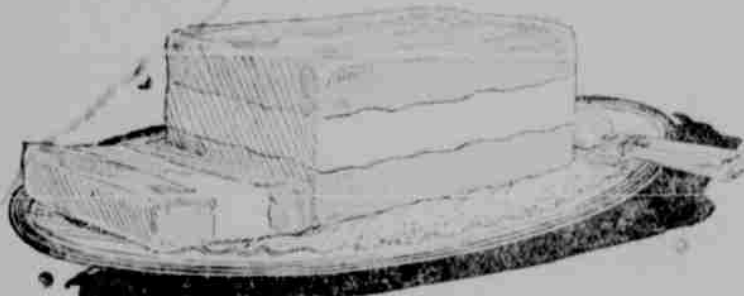


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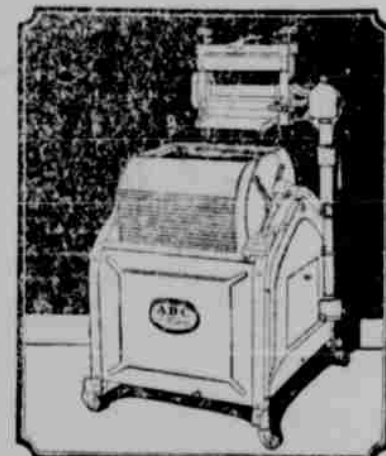


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